

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9 and 15 are independent and are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed.

Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly unpatentable over Japanese Patent No. JP 2000-232458 to Yokogawa et al. (hereinafter, merely "Yokogawa").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 1 is representative and recites, *inter alia*:

"... reception processing of at least a television signal;

...
transmission processing of an acknowledge signal to said wireless terminal apparatus within a communication area of each of the directional patterns of said antenna bodies regularly or irregularly;

...

identification processing of the communication-targeted wireless terminal apparatus located within a communication area by receiving a connection request signal sent from said wireless terminal apparatus based on said acknowledge signal . . .”

As understood by Applicants, Yokogawa describes, in relevant part, the key station sends wireless data to the child offices. In Yokogawa, the key station selects and changes the antenna after a failure in sending the data to the child offices. *See, for example*, Yokogawa par. [0019]. Because Yokogawa selects and changes the antenna after the failure to send the data, there is a problem with some data transmissions, such as in a television system. That is, Yokogawa has the problem in a television system requiring real-time response, when video sent to the wireless terminal apparatus is disconnected or audio data is interrupted,

In contrast, claim 1 recites, “ . . . reception processing of at least a television signal . . . transmission processing of an acknowledge signal to said wireless terminal apparatus within a communication area of each of the directional patterns of said antenna bodies regularly or irregularly . . . identification processing of the communication-targeted wireless terminal apparatus located within a communication area by receiving a connection request signal sent from said wireless terminal apparatus based on said acknowledge signal . . .” That is, in an aspect of the present invention, the wireless communication apparatus sends wireless data to the wireless terminal apparatus, the wireless communication apparatus having selected the optimal antenna before sending the data to the wireless terminal apparatus. Publ. App. pars. [0050] and [0054].

Claim 1 avoids the problems of Yokogawa, discussed above, by selecting the optimal antenna before sending video data that requires a real-time response to the wireless terminal apparatus.

Thus, claim 1 is believed patentable over Yokogawa..

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 9 and 15 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

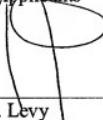
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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